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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Manfred JUNGEN

Serial No.: 10/593,169

Group Art Unit: 1794

Filed: August 29, 2008

Examiner: Choi, P.Y.

For: Liquid Textile-Pretreating Agent

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop:
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2008, please enter the following election.

Election/Restriction

The Office has restricted the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 35 U.S.C. § 372. Specifically, the Office states, "The Application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claims 1 and 2, drawn to a compound.

Group II, claims 3 and 4, drawn to a process for preparing a compound.

Group III, claims 5 and 6, drawn to a composition.

Group IV, claim 7, drawn to a process for producing a composition.

Group V, claims 8 and 9, drawn to a process for pretreating a textile.

Group VI, claim 10, drawn to a process for pretreating a textile.

Group VII, claim 11, drawn to a textile pretreated with a compound.

Group VIII, claim 12, drawn to a textile pretreated with a composition.

Group IX, claim 13, drawn to a pretreated textile.

Group X, claim 14, drawn to a pretreated textile."

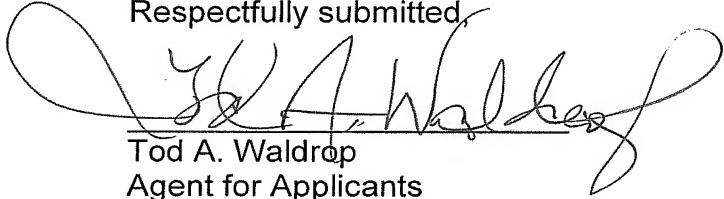
The Office states, "Applicant is required to elect a single Group to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election."

For examination of this Application, Applicants elect:

Group I, claims 1 and 2, drawn to a compound.

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above remarks, the restriction requirement is satisfied and the examination of this Application on the merits can now proceed. If the Examiner has any remaining questions, please contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and an allowance of all pending claims are courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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